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Testimony of MICHAEL T LONG:

Nominated for re-appointment: Connecticut Airport Authority Board of Directors

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Good afternoon members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee and particularly to those present here today. I am Mike Long and I have been honored by a re-appointment to the Connecticut Airport Authority Board of Directors by Governor Dan Malloy.

I was born and raised in the Hartford area as were my parents before me, attended elementary and high schools in Hartford, graduated the University of Notre Dame with a major in Finance in 1964 and UConn Law School in 1967. I spent my entire career working in manufacturing in Connecticut and, at one time or another during those years, belonged to just about every civic and or related professional organization in Connecticut and beyond.

Having served on the Authority Board since its inception a little over two years ago, and its predecessors, i.e., the Bradley International Airport Board of Directors most recently, and the Bradley International Airport Commission before it, having been appointed its first Chairman in 1983, I feel uniquely qualified to sit on this Board from an aviation and transportation management standpoint. In addition, my business career, which involved not only the legal aspects of doing business in a highly regulated industry but also required experience and expertise at the highest levels of the company in financial planning, budgeting and assessment, marketing, master planning, public and government relations as well as overall management skills seem to fit the requirements of Public Act 11-84 which created the CAA, to a "T".

I have a very strong interest in the the future of the State of Connecticut and believe that Bradley and the CAA are well positioned to assist our state in moving forward. I would like to be a part of that future. I believe you all have a copy of my biographical sketch and rather than take up your time going through it with you I would rather just answer any questions you might have. You've taken a giant step forward with the creation of the Authority three years ago and I am interested in helping the momentum underway carry us further to an exciting future in this highly competitive industry. The future is bright if we continue on the track you've laid out for us.

Thank you for your time and interest and I'll be happy to try and answer any questions you might have.

